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AMENDMENT A

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed December 18,
1998, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 10 through 12, 25, 26 and 37
through 42.

Please amend the following claims.

1. (Once Amended) A process for the preparation of
a malted cereal comprising: [the step of] introducing [an]
activated [spore] spores to a cereal before or during a
malting process.

2. (Once Amended) The process according to Claim
1, wherein said activated [spore] spores increase[s] an
activity of an enzyme that is present in a cereal used during
said malting process.

4. (Once Amended) A process for the preparation of